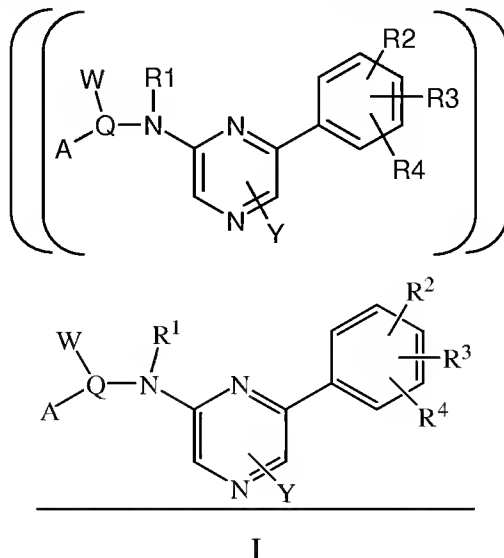


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended): A compound of the ~~general~~ formula

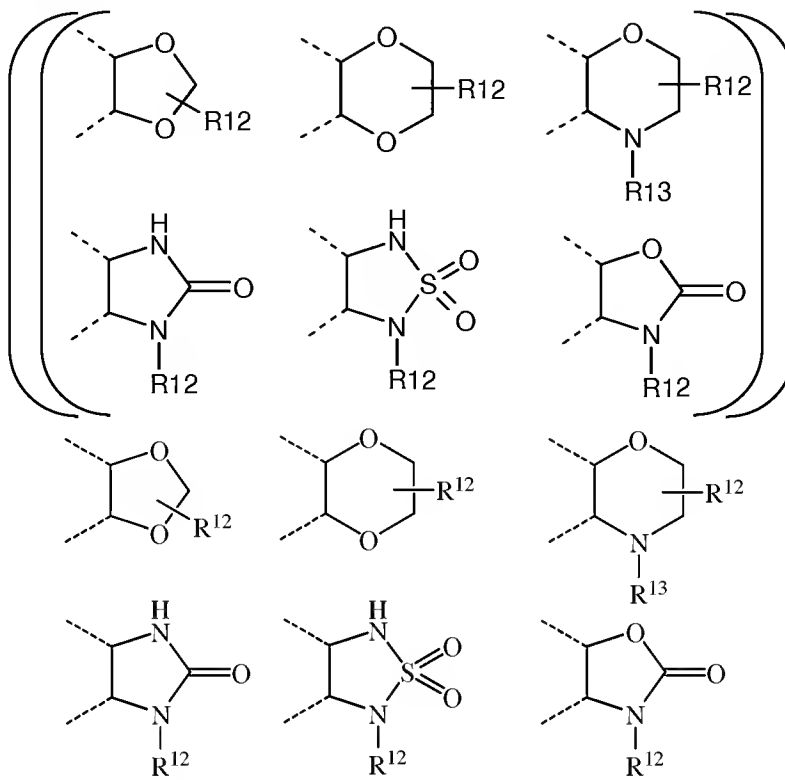


or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

[[R¹]] R¹ is H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, ~~C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵COR⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵SO₂R⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylCO₂R⁵, C₁₋₆ alkylCONR⁵R⁶, where R⁵ and R⁶ C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵R⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵COR⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylNR⁵SO₂R⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylCO₂R⁵, C₁₋₆ alkylCONR⁵R⁶, where R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylaryl, C₁₋₄ alkylhetaryl or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR⁷ and R⁷ NR⁷ and R⁷ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;~~

R², R³ and R⁴ R², R³ and R⁴ are each independently H, halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, ~~C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁸R⁹, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR⁸R⁹, OCONR⁸R⁹, NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸COR⁹, NR¹⁰CONR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, COOR⁸, CONR⁸R⁹; and R⁸, R⁹ C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁸R⁹, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR⁸R⁹, OCONR⁸R⁹, NR⁸R⁹, NR⁸COR⁹, NR¹⁰CONR⁸R⁹, NR⁸SO₂R⁹, COOR⁸, CONR⁸R⁹; and R⁸, R⁹ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cycloalkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, NR¹¹; R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃;~~

alternatively, two of ~~R₂, R₃ and R₄~~ R², R³ and R⁴, when located on adjacent carbon atoms, may be joined to form a ring system selected from:



where [[R12]] R¹² is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃ and [[R13]] R¹³ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, ~~COR¹⁴, SO₂R¹⁴; and R¹⁴~~ COR¹⁴, SO₂R¹⁴; and R¹⁴ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

Q is a bond, or C₁₋₄ alkyl;

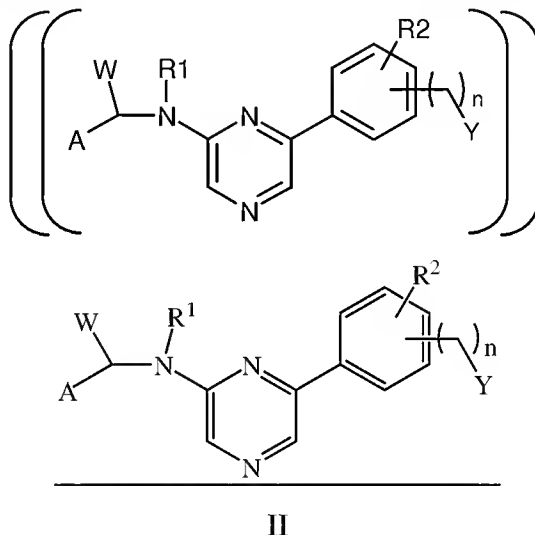
W is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl; where C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₂₋₆ alkenyl may be optionally substituted with C₁₋₄ alkyl, OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, ~~NR¹⁵R¹⁶; and R¹⁵, and R¹⁶~~ NR¹⁵R¹⁶; and R¹⁵, and R¹⁶ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cyclohetalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR¹⁷ and R¹⁷~~ NR¹⁷ and R¹⁷ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

A is aryl, hetaryl optionally substituted with 0-3 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, aryl, hetaryl, OCF₃, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, ~~OC₂₋₅alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹ OC₂₋₅alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹, Oaryl, Ohetaryl, CO₂R¹⁸, CONR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸R¹⁹, C₁₋₄alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR²⁰C₁₋₄alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸COR¹⁹, NR²⁰CONR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸SO₂R¹⁹; and R¹⁸, R¹⁹~~ CO₂R¹⁸, CONR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸COR¹⁹, NR²⁰CONR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸SO₂R¹⁹; and R¹⁸, R¹⁹

C_{1-4} alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR²⁰C₁₋₄ alkylNR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸COR¹⁹, NR²⁰CONR¹⁸R¹⁹, NR¹⁸SO₂R¹⁹; and R¹⁸, R¹⁹ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cyclohetalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl aryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl hetaryl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR²¹~~; and ~~R²⁰~~ NR²¹; and R²⁰ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl; and ~~[[R²¹]]~~ R²¹ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl; and

Y is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, OH, ~~NR²²R²³~~, and ~~R²²~~, and ~~R²³~~ NR²²R²³, and R²², and R²³ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl.

2. (currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 of ~~the general~~ formula II:



or pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs, salts, hydrates, solvates, crystal forms or diastereomers thereof, wherein:

~~[[R¹]]~~ R¹ is H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, ~~C₁₋₆ alkylNR³R⁴, where R³ and R⁴~~ C₁₋₆ alkylNR³R⁴, where R³ and R⁴ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR⁵~~ and ~~R⁵~~ NR⁵ and R⁵ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

A is aryl, hetaryl optionally substituted with 0-3 substituents independently chosen from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, aryl, hetaryl, OCF₃, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, ~~OC₂₋₅ alkylNR⁶R⁷~~ OC₂₋₅ alkylNR⁶R⁷, Oaryl, Ohetaryl, ~~CO₂R⁶, CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶R⁷, C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁶R⁷, NR⁸C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, NR⁸CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶SO₂R⁷; and R⁶, R⁷~~ CO₂R⁶, CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶R⁷, C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁶R⁷,

NR⁸C₁₋₄ alkylNR⁶R⁷, NR⁶COR⁷, NR⁸CONR⁶R⁷, NR⁶SO₂R⁷; and R⁶, R⁷ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cyclohetalkyl, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl aryl, C₁₋₄ alkyl hetaryl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR⁹; and R⁸~~ NR⁹; and R⁸ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl; and [[R⁹]] R⁹ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

[[R²]] R² is 0-2 substituents independently selected from halogen, C₁₋₄ alkyl, OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, CF₃, OCF₃, CN, ~~C₁₋₄ alkylNR¹⁰R¹¹, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR¹⁰R¹¹, CO₂R¹⁰, CONR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰COR¹¹, NR¹²CONR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰SO₂R¹¹; and R¹⁰, R¹¹~~ C₁₋₄ alkylNR¹⁰R¹¹, OC₁₋₄ alkylNR¹⁰R¹¹, CO₂R¹⁰, CONR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰COR¹¹, NR¹²CONR¹⁰R¹¹, NR¹⁰SO₂R¹¹; and R¹⁰, R¹¹ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl; and R¹² is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

Y is H, OH, ~~NR¹²R¹³; and R¹², and R¹³~~ NR¹²R¹³; and R¹², and R¹³ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-6 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR¹⁴ and R¹⁴~~ NR¹⁴ and R¹⁴ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl;

n = 0-4;

W is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl; where C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₂₋₆ alkenyl may be optionally substituted with C₁₋₄ alkyl, OH, OC₁₋₄ alkyl, ~~NR¹⁵R¹⁶; and R¹⁵, and R¹⁶~~ NR¹⁵R¹⁶; and R¹⁵, and R¹⁶ are each independently H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl cyclohetalkyl, or may be joined to form an optionally substituted 3-8 membered ring optionally containing an atom selected from O, S, ~~NR¹⁷ and R¹⁷~~ NR¹⁷ and R¹⁷ is selected from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl.

3. (original): A compound according to claim 1 where W is C₁₋₄ alkyl or C₁₋₄ alkylamino and at least a portion of the compound possesses S chirality at the chiral carbon bearing W.

4. (original): A compound according to claim 3 wherein the compound is a mixture of R and S isomers and the mixture comprises at least 70% of the S isomer.

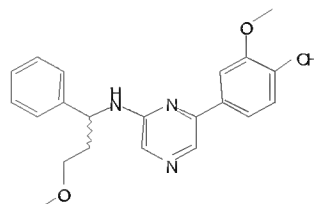
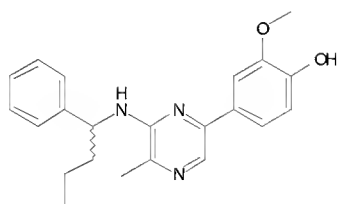
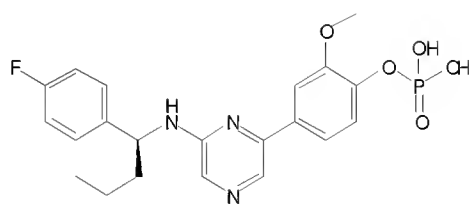
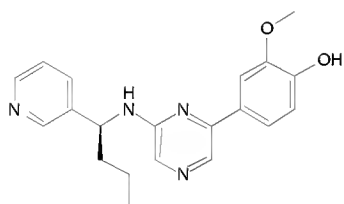
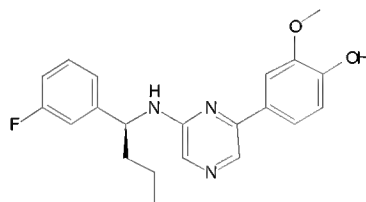
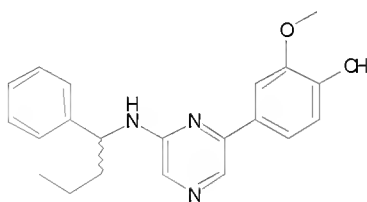
5. (original): A compound according to claim 4 wherein the compound comprises at least 80% of the S isomer.

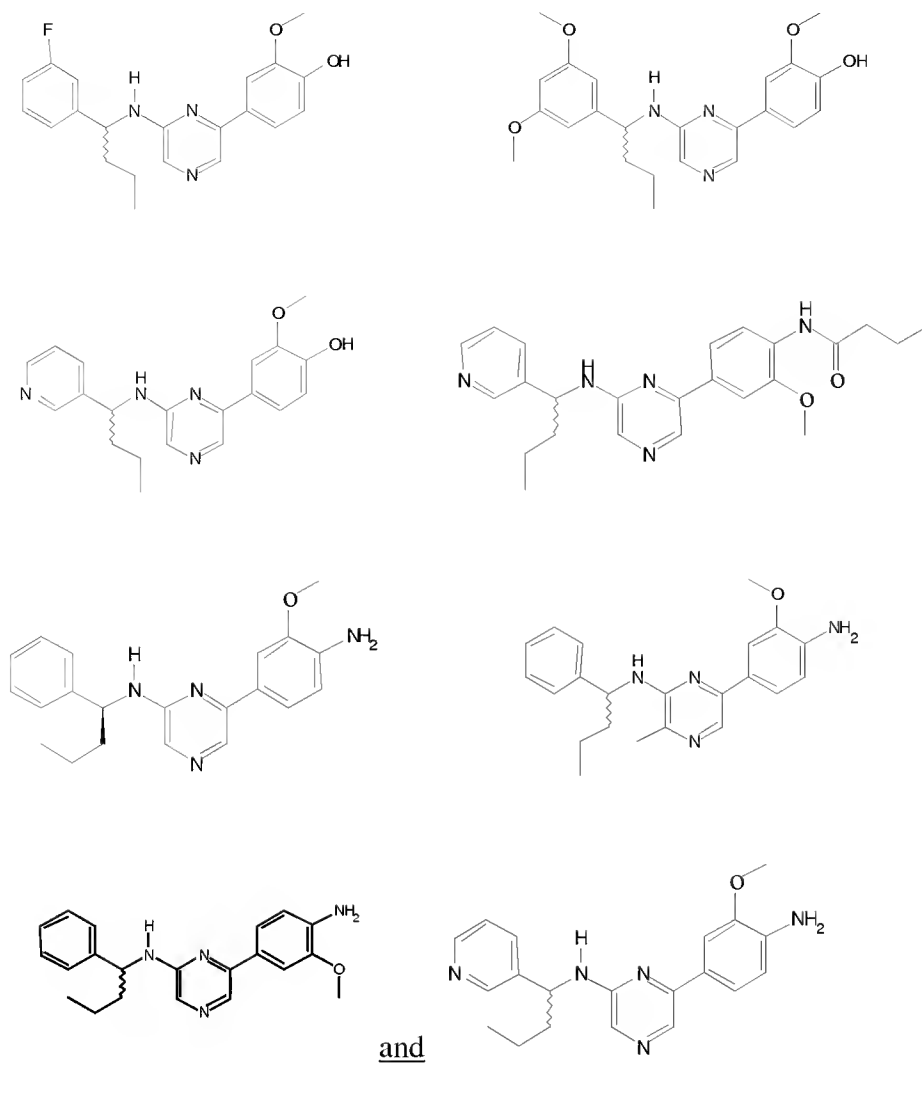
6. (original): A compound according to claim 4 wherein the compound comprises at least 90% of the S isomer.

7. (original): A compound according to claim 4 wherein the compound comprises at least 95% of the S isomer.

8. (original): A compound according to claim 4 wherein the compound comprises at least 99% of the S isomer.

9. (currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





10. (currently amended): A composition comprising a carrier and at least one compound of ~~any one of claims 1-9~~ claim 1.

11. (currently amended): A method of treating a hyperproliferation-related disease state in a subject, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of ~~any one of claims 1-9~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof, ~~or a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 10~~.

12. (original): A method according to claim 11 wherein the hyperproliferation-related disease state is treatable by the modulation of microtubule polymerisation.

13. (currently amended): A method according to ~~claim 12 or claim 13~~ claim 11 wherein the hyperproliferation-related disease state is selected from the group consisting of:

Atopy, such as Allergic Asthma, Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema), and Allergic Rhinitis; Cell Mediated Hypersensitivity, such as Allergic Contact Dermatitis and Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis; Rheumatic Diseases, such as Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), Rheumatoid Arthritis, Juvenile Arthritis, Sjögren's Syndrome, Scleroderma, Polymyositis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Psoriatic Arthritis; Other autoimmune diseases such as Type I diabetes, autoimmune thyroid disorders, and Alzheimer's disease; Viral Diseases, such as Epstein Barr Virus (EBV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV, HTLV 1, Varicella-Zoster Virus (VZV), Human Papilloma Virus (HPV); Cancer, such as fibrosarcoma, myxosarcoma, liposarcoma, chondrosarcoma, osteogenic sarcoma, chordoma, angiosarcoma, endotheliosarcoma, lymphangiosarcoma, lymphangioendotheliosarcoma, synovioma, mesothelioma, Ewing's tumor, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, colon carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, sweat gland carcinoma, sebaceous gland carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, papillary adenocarcinomas, cystadenocarcinoma, medullary carcinoma, bronchogenic carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma, hepatoma, bile duct carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma, embryonal carcinoma, Wilms' tumor, cervical cancer, testicular tumor, lung carcinoma, small cell lung carcinoma, bladder carcinoma, epithelial carcinoma, glioma, astrocytoma, medulloblastoma, craniopharyngioma, ependymoma, pinealoma, hemangioblastoma, acoustic neuroma, oligodendroglioma, meningioma, melanoma, neuroblastoma, and retinoblastoma, and carcinomas forming from tissue of the breast, prostate, kidney, bladder or colon, and neoplastic disorders arising in adipose tissue, such as adipose cell tumors, e.g., lipomas, fibrolipomas, lipoblastomas, lipomatosis, hibernomas, hemangiomas and/or liposarcomas; infectious diseases such as viral, malarial and bacterial infections; vascular restenosis; inflammatory diseases, such as autoimmune diseases, glomerular nephritis myocardial infarction and psoriasis.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended): A method of modulating microtubule polymerisation in a cell which method comprises administering a compound according to ~~claims 1-9~~ claim 1.

16. (new): A method of modulating microtubule polymerisation in a cell which method comprises administering a compound according to claim 2.

17. (new): A method of treating a hyperproliferation-related disease state in a subject, the method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of claim 2 or a pharmaceutical composition thereof.